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SUBJECT: VISIT TO GREECE OF SENATOR EAGLETON

1. SENATOR EAGLETON, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, VISITED GREECE DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 4, WHILE HERE HE WAS THE GUEST OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT WHICH MADE ALL OF THE ARRANGMENTS FOR HIS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY AN UNOFFICIAL AND PERSONAL ONE, THE SENATOR ALSO HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS AND MADE A QUICK TRIP TO CYPRUS WHERE HE MET WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND OTHER CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. IN ATHENS THE SENATOR CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT OF GREECE, MR. TSATSOS, AND ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STAVROPOULOS, WHO GAVE A DINNER IN HIS HONOR. HE ALSO HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING DEPUTIES OF THE MAJORITY NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY (TSOUDEROS, VASSILOU AND NIANIAS), OF THE CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES (PARTY LEADER MAVROS AND MRS. TSOUDEROS) AND EDA PARTY LEADER ILIOU. THE SENATOR AND HIS FAMILY WERE IN AND OUT OF ATHENS. IN ADDITION TO THE TRIP TO CYPRUS WITH HIS SON (DEC. 28-29), THE SENATOR AND HIS FAMILY VISITED DELPHI (DECEMBER 30-31) AND RHODES (JANUARY 1-4).

3. DURING HIS STAY HERE THE AMBASSADOR HAD THE SENATOR AND HIS FAMILY TO AN INFORMAL DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION HAD BREAKFAST WITH
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HIM DURING WHICH SENATOR EAGLETON DISCUSSED HIS TRIP

TO CYPRUS ALONG THE LINES OF NICOSIA 3562 AND 3565.
THE TOOK SIMILAR POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES IN HIS
CONVERSATIONS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS,
AND IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS HERE, AS HE HAD IN
CYPRUS. THE PRESS GENERALLY WAS POSITIVE IN ITS
TREATMENT OF THE SENATOR'S STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
AND GAVE EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO HIS VISIT
TO CYPRUS.
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